

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 36-38. Applicants will now address the Examiner's remaining rejections.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 39, 42

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 39, 42 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aya et al. (US 6,281,057) in view of Shinada et al. (US 4,597,824). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending independent Claim 39 to recite the feature of allowed Claim 36 of "forming an impurity region by adding an impurity element using the gate wiring and the resist mask as a mask." Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been overcome, and it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 40

The Examiner also rejects Claim 40 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aya in view of Shinada and further in view of Ono et al. (US 5,422,209). This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

This claim is a dependent claim. Accordingly, for at least the reasons discussed above for independent Claim 39, dependent Claim 40 is also allowable over the cited references. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 41

The Examiner also rejects Claim 41 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aya in view of Shinada and further in view of Tanabe et al. (US 6,503,819). This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

This claim is a dependent claim. Accordingly, for at least the reasons discussed above for independent Claim 39, dependent Claim 41 is also allowable over the cited references. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicants are also adding new Claims 51-64 herewith. Each of these claims is a method claim so each is directed to the elected invention. Further, new independent Claims 51, 54, 58 and 61 include the feature of allowed Claim 36 of forming an impurity region by adding an impurity element using the gate wiring and the resist mask as a mask. Therefore, these claims are also allowable over the prior art, and it is respectfully requested that these claims be entered and allowed.

If any fee should be due for these new claims, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Conclusion

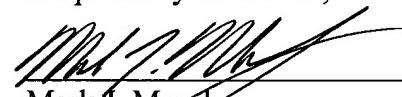
Accordingly, for at least the above-stated reasons, the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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